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Mrs. Effa Manley
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Dear Mrs. Manley:

"Every Member an Ace"

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Prior to receiving your letter, Mr. Posey had written me about the same matter and I had secured the two dates in Norfolk for your team against the Grays. I wrote Seay telling him that the Newport News dates were notaxx available. Here is what has happened:

The park owners in Newport News have no club this year and have released the park on a seasonal basis to the Shipyard 22 Athletic association for all weekdays. Only days ball clubs can come in are on Saturdays and Sundays. I have been to the owners, to the Shipyard Association and others influential there with no results. It is a patriotic gesture on behalf of war workers and service men and they will not alter their program to give weekday dates to ball clubs. I have tried everything and I have a friend who is very influential in Newport News. He couldn't swing the dates for me. I can get any Saturdays and Sundays but you folks wouldn't be interested in them, I don't suppose. Terribly sorry. Have asked Seay if he wanted to try to go into Portsmouth on those dates.

Incidentally, I want to remind you to use my home address, above. I explained to you in Washington that I would want to receive all such correspondence regarding personal matters at 2501 west Avenue, Norfolk. I think that is better for us all.

Have had not reactions from NNL owners to my plea for consideration on behalf of Negro baseball, which i carried in my column the week following the Washington meeting. Evidentally, owners don't read the column or don't appreciate the efforts to keep keep the spirit of baseball glive and to pull the fans in behind the teams for support. Others have commented favorably on the peice, which was intended to help days develop kark baseball crowds.

Regards to Mr. Manley. Yours in sports,

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